[Mr. S. Adam Sait.]

Defalcation of Money in Treasuries other than Quilon.

32. MR. M. R. MADHAVA VARIAR (*Chengannur* cum *Pattanamtitta*): Have other cases of defalcation of Sirkar money come to the notice of the Government than the one at Quilon ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No.

Verification of Remittances to Treasuries by Government Officers.

33. MR. C. P. KOCHUKUNJU PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to mention the officers whose duty it is to check, verify and affirm the correctness of the sums received and remitted into the treasuries by—

(i) the officers in charge of the treasuries of the State;
(ii) the Head-Masters of schools;
(iii) the Inspectors and Sub-Inspectors of the Excise Department;
(iv) the Divisional Forest Officers and Range Officers of the Forest Department;
(v) the officers of the Judicial Department;
(vi) the Sub-Registrars;
(vii) the officers of the Agricultural Department;
(viii) the officers of the Anchal Department; and
(ix) the Proverthicars of the State ?

(*b*) How many times every year should such checking and verification be done ? Is there any rule in regard to that matter ?

(*c*) Was such work being done without fail during the past six years ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) (i) to (ix). The controlling officers in the respective departments.

(*b*) Every month the controlling officers have to verify and see that the revenue returns received by them from their departmental subordinates tally with the statements of receipts furnished to them by the Account Officer.

(*c*) This is being done; and when there is disagreement between the Account Officer's figures and those of departmental officers, the fact is referred to in the reviews of the Departmental Administration Reports and the reconciliation of the figures insisted on.

Boat-Service.

34. MR. S. ADAM SAIT (*Commerce and Industry, South*): (*a*) Are not the Government aware that the volume of the backwater boat-service is diminishing day by day owing to the various disabilities which the boat-owners are placed under ?

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